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Representative Jeff Mayes
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Subject: House Bill 6564 (Off-Shore Wind Energy Legislation)

To Representative Jeff Mayes,

Mr. Chairman and Members of the House Energy and Technology Committee, the Michigan Association of Counties (MAC) supports the concept of off-shore wind energy, but we have to **oppose** House Bill 6564 as introduced. MAC supports legislation for statewide development of renewable energy resources and energy conservation programs with appropriate safeguards for residents and the environment. This legislation is a very important step towards accomplishing that goal; however there are concerns about the safeguards for local communities, or lack thereof, in this legislation. MAC insists that some funding be returned to counties to offset the costs of the development on county services. MAC also feels strongly that the advisory council lacks sufficient representation from local government; projects of this magnitude will have a major impact on local communities and we believe they should be well represented.

Sincerely,

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